

FAST FACTS YEMEN CRISIS

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Total population



29.3 MILLION*

Population
in need



24 MILLION, or 80
per cent of Yemen's
population

Total number
of children in
need



**11.3 MILLION
CHILDREN**

Internally
displaced
children



1 MILLION



CHILD PROTECTION

Figures from 26 March 2015 to 5 December 2018² - these are only figures that the United Nations has been able to verify, with actual numbers likely to be much higher

- Nearly **1.2 million children** live in **31 active conflict** zones in areas witnessing heavy, war-related violence.
- Since the Stockholm agreement on **13 Dec 2018**, every day eight children have been killed or injured.

- 2,672 children were **killed**,
- 4,371 children were **injured**,
- 2,787 children **recruited** into the fighting,
- **323 attacks** and military use of education facilities,
- **133 attacks** and military use of health facilities,
- Child marriage has increased, with **two thirds** of girls under 18 marrying in 2017 against half in 2016.³



EDUCATION

- **One in five schools** in Yemen can no longer be used because they are damaged or being used in the fighting or to shelter displaced families.⁴
- Most public-school teachers have **not** been paid in more than two years.⁵
- More than **2 million children** - or one third of all school-aged children - are out-of-school, an increase of **nearly half a million** children since the conflict escalated.⁶



NUTRITION

- An estimated **1.8 million children** in Yemen are acutely malnourished, including nearly **360,000 children** under the age of five suffering from severe acute malnutrition⁷ who are fighting to survive.
- 1.1 million pregnant or lactating women are acutely malnourished.⁸
- An estimated **12 million** Yemenis, including 2 million children, will be dependent on food assistance in 2019.⁹



HEALTH

- **Only half** of all health facilities in Yemen are functional and even these face severe shortages in medicine, equipment, and staff.¹⁰
- Since the outbreak of acute watery diarrhoea /cholera in April 2017, there have been over **1.3 million** suspected cases with more than 2,700 associated deaths.¹¹
- Children under the age of five make more than a quarter of all suspected cholera/acute watery diarrhoea cases.¹²
- Nearly 16.4 million people (8.4 million children) need basic health care assistance.¹³



WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- An estimated 16 million people (8.1 million children) do not have access to safe water, sanitation, or hygiene.¹⁴
- **Only one third** of Yemen's population is connected to a piped water network.¹⁵

UNICEF's RESULTS FOR CHILDREN, 2018¹⁶

EDUCATION: Over 157,000 conflict-affected children received access to education via temporary learning spaces, school rehabilitation, school grants, and classroom furniture. Over 41,000 children received basic learning supplies.

HEALTH: 1 million children under the age of five received primary health care, and over 4 million children were vaccinated against polio.

NUTRITION: Over 345,000 severe acutely malnourished children under five years-old were admitted to therapeutic care and 3.8 million were given micronutrients.

WASH: Nearly 5 million people had access to safe drinking water and almost 1 million gained access to emergency safe water supply. Additionally, over 5.5 million people living in high-risk cholera areas had access to household-level water treatment and disinfection.

CHILD PROTECTION: Over 800,000 children in conflict-affected areas received psychosocial support, and over 1.3 million children and community members were reached with lifesaving mine risk education.

EMERGENCY CASH TRANSFERS: Nearly 1.5 million of Yemen's poorest families (9 million people) were provided with cash assistance to meet their most pressing needs.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS¹⁷

In 2019, UNICEF is appealing for **US\$ 542 MILLION** to continue its emergency response for children affected by the conflict in Yemen.

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